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ELECTION OF INVENTION

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action, mailed November 24, 2004. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Office Action required Applicant to elect a single invention from nine different groups for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant hereby elects Group VII (claims 12 and 13) with traverse. Claims 1, 2 and 10 should also be entitled to examination as claims 12 and 13 are dependent upon these claims.

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